

### DECLINES THE APPOINTMENT.

**Representative Culberson Will Not be on the Interstate Commerce Commission.**

Representative Culberson of Texas, who on Saturday notified the President that he would accept the position of interstate commerce commissioner, has changed his mind and now word to the President that he will not accept.

He intends to make the race for the senate ship against Messrs. Clifton and Mills.

**HE WAS NOT DISGUISED.**

**Mr. Chandler Denies a New York Story—**  
the Seats of Three Senators.

Senator Chandler said to a *Star* reporter to day that it was not true, as a New York paper said this morning that he went in disguise to Judge McAdams court in New York city to play the part of a detective for the purpose of discovering fraudulent naturalizations in New York city before the late elections.

"All there was in it," he said, "is the fact that I did go to the court with Mr. Davenport, clerk and looked over the naturalization papers with him. I was not in any disguise and did not make any effort to conceal my identity."

"I had on the same suit I had been wearing

right along and made no effort to change my personal appearance. The only thing was that I thought it was not introduced and it was not necessary to do so. I thought I would have thought someone asked me. It was said more than I came from Mr. Davenport. As Mr. Davenport's clerk looked over the papers he handed them to me and I examined them.

"Did you discover anything upon which you will have a report?"

"I do not care to say anything as to that. The naturalizations were undoubtedly made with some haste at that time and there were some frauds committed. At times they were I cannot undertake to say."

In response to an inquiry of THE STAR as to the statement that the right of Senator Hill of New York, brother of Ohio and White of Louisiana, to sit on the Senate floor would be questioned Senator Chandler said:

"I have not expressed nor have I formed any opinion as to the right of these gentlemen to seats in the Senate. I think that there is question as to their right, which makes it a proper matter for the Senate to consider. I will undoubtedly be a careful inquiry into the matter by the committee on privileges and elections. I think that in the case of Mr. Hill the question of the effect of his retention

**THE NAVY AND CHILE.**

**Gossip Caused By an Order to Keep Movements of Vessels Secret.**

The Navy Department has just assumed a mysterious attitude, and gossip as to the cause is rife. An order has been issued by the Secretary taking from the bureau of navigation the privilege of giving out news as to the movements of ships and putting all such information

It is denied by the authorities that this means a censorship over naval news, but the action is regarded as significant in view of the position of the department in the Chilean affair. Heretofore there has been no secrecy as to the orders to ships, but it has been known for some time that the assistants of the San Francisco and the Charleston have been kept secret with an evident purpose.

It is believed by many that the Navy Department is endeavoring to mass the largest possible

The assistant secretary said this morning that heretofore the department will give out the movements of naval vessels that will not prejudice the "best interests of the navy." Orders were sent to the fleet station at Honolulu over ten days ago to take on a load of coal, filling not only her bunkers, but her decks, and then, in case she is in good condition, to proceed at once to Valparaiso. In case the ship is damaged she will go to San Francisco and be put in shape.

Mr. Courts, the clerk to the committee on appropriations, has completed the first committee draft of the District and the legislative appropriation bills, so that the committee, as soon as appointed, can get to work on them. The District bill will probably be the first one reported and passed when the House gets down to work.

**Death of Col. Hathaway.**

Representative Mitchell, who is also a member of the board of managers of national soldiers' homes, received a dispatch this morning

knowing the death of Col. John L. Hathaway, governor of the Milwaukee House. No particulars were given except that Col. Hathaway had been ill but one day.

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**Emperor Francis Joseph III.**  
VIENNA, Dec. 17.—The Emperor Francis Joseph has been ill and confined to his bed for two days.

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**Range of the Thermometer.**  
The following were the readings at the office of the station, were taken to-day:

**DIED.**  
BARTLEY. Departed this life on Thursday morning, December 17, 1894, at 4 o'clock, Mrs. ELLEN BARTLEY.  
May also rest in peace.  
Her funeral will take place at her late residence, No. 3614 O street, N. W., on Saturday, December 22, at 2 o'clock p. m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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**BY HIS WIFE.** Told (Wednesday) morning, December 16, 1901, at 10 o'clock, HENRI HENSON-16, devoted husband of Mattie Henson, aged thirty-one years.

One least at home?

The charmed circle broken, a dear face missing by day from its dear place, but cheeks, waxed and perturbed by grief.

One more in heaven.

**BY HIS WIFE.**

Funeral Friday morning, 10 o'clock, from the late residence, 219 Third street southwest. Relatives in view.

**BURN.** On Thursday, December 17, 1901, at his residence, 1011 1/2 street northwest, died ALFRED BURNS, husband of Nellie Burns and son of the late George Burns, in the thirty-ninth year of his age.

CHANDLER, at 1223 Commercial avenue, Thru  
day morning, December 17, 1891, suddenly, of acute  
illness, died, at his residence, 1223 Commercial, aged  
of Rear Admiral Ralph Chandler, U. S. N.

CHAFFIN, at his residence, 1307 N street north  
west, at 10:30 a. m., December 17, 1891, of  
P. CHAFFIN.  
From a long and private. Internment location, Mass.

DAMAINVILLE, On December 16, 1891, at Kansas  
city, New York ship, Dr. LUCIEN DAMAIN  
VILLBERT, On Wednesday, December 16, 1891,  
at 8:40 a. m. GEORGE, wife LUCIEN VILLBERT, departed this  
life, after a short and painful illness.

Our darling one has left us.  
His loss we deeply feel.  
It is God that has decreed him,  
And we can not but sorrow.

Funeral on Friday afternoon, December 18, at 1 o'clock.

GOULD. On Thursday, December 17, 1891, at 10 a. m., 1922 E street—Arday, BEACHE, the son of Ashley B. and Margaret Arday BEACHE, aged eight years.

Funeral strictly private.

McLANE. On December 16, 1891, at 3 a. m., at his residence, 1115 E street—McLANE, in his twenty-ninth year of age.

Funeral services at his late residence, 1500 Vermont avenue, Friday morning, at 10:30 o'clock. His relatives are invited to attend, in transient at Baltimore. (No Year.)

McREILL. The remains of Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM E. McREILL, corps of engineers, United States army, who died at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, September 20, 1891, will be taken to Arlington cemetery for interment and burial on Friday morning.

**QUANTICO.** On December 16, 1951, at 11:30 p.m., a fire broke out in the home of Thomas C. Mary E. Quantico, in the apartment of Thomas C. Mary E. Quantico, at her late residence, 1235 Thirtieth street, New York City. The fire was caused by a gas leak. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The fire caused damage to the property. The fire was caused by a gas leak. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The fire caused damage to the property.

...son, Baltimore, on Friday, the 28th instant, at 11:30 o'clock, a. m. Informant of Rock Creek cemetery, 424 Rock Creek church, Washington, D. C. The papers please copy.)

**TOSKEL.**—Undeclared, on Tuesday, December 15, 1920, at 12:30 p. m., at the residence of his second wife of Edward T. Loner, aged twenty-nine years.

**Funeral.**—Thursday, December 17, at 3 p. m., from his late residence, 5110 Eleventh street southeast. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**DANCING WAVES SCHOTTISCHES AND THE**—These dances are the two prettiest little dances of the season, and are getting to be popular. You can get them at **HENNY WHITE'S, 450 7th ave.** m-12-m

CHILDREN CRY  
FOR FITCHER'S  
CASTORIA.